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Enforcement Action

Laura Tanaka**Registered Environmental Assessor (REA)**

The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (Board) issued a citation and fine of \$2,500.00 to Laura Tanaka for violation of section 7872(a) (Bus. & Prof. Code §7872(a), practice of geology without legal authority) of the Business and Professions Code (Geologist and Geophysicist Act). According to Board records, Laura Tanaka was at all times relevant not licensed by the Board as a Professional Geologist (PG).

Laura Tanaka prepared a report entitled "Phase II Environmental Site Assessment", dated September 15, 2003, signed as Laura Tanaka, REA, Senior Environmental Scientist and subsequently submitted to the County of San Diego. The aforementioned report demonstrates that Ms. Tanaka conducted analyses and made interpretations, conclusions and recommendations constituting geologic practice in the State of California. Consequently, Ms. Tanaka violated Business and Professions Code section 7832 and 7872(a) when she engaged in the practice of geology, interpreted the site geology, interpreted geologic datum, and made recommendations based on geologic interpretations.

In accordance with section 125.9(d) of the Business and Professions Code which specifies that payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation charged and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter, Laura Tanaka agreed to pay the fine and the case was closed on July 15, 2005.